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The wealthy never run out of ways to amuse themselves in Dubai, where you can party aboard a house floating in a man-made sea, stroll through an indoor rainforest, or kick back in an ice lounge where the temperature never climbs above freezing. In a city where everyone is rich, shopping malls resemble the Silk Road and the theme parks make Disneyland look small, says Wired.

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The conversion of New York's landmark Waldorf Astoria hotel into luxury condominiums is moving forward as planned and no delays are anticipated after the property's owner, China's Anbang Insurance Group Co., said its chairman was no longer able to carry out his duties, according to a company spokesman in the U.S., Bloomberg reports.

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[The LVMH Prize: Why it matters](#)

When the inevitable Karl Lagerfeld biopic is made, its narrative will peak first in 1954 the year his extraordinary life in fashion really began. Lagerfeld, then only 21, was awarded a prize by the International Wool Secretariat for his extraordinary coat designs. The same year, a teenager by the name of Yves Saint Laurent took home the dresses category. Lagerfeld was hired as an assistant to Pierre Balmain who sat on the prize's jury while Saint Laurent found work at the House of Dior. The rest is history, per British Vogue.

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